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APPARATUS AND METHOD :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0007 on page 2 as follows:

In another aspect, a dryer for tumble drying articles includes a drum including a cavity configured to hold articles to be dried, a motor drivingly coupled to the drum to rotate the drum, a heater element in flow communication with the cavity, a blower positioned to deliver heated air to the cavity, and a controller operationally coupled to the heater. The controller is configured to provide an AC sine wave to at least one heater element of an electric clothes dryer, stop the providing at a zero crossing of the AC sine wave, monitor the AC sine wave for a subsequent zero crossing, and reprovide the AC sine wave to the at least one heater element at the subsequent zero crossing.